MBA NEWS and VIEWS

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One of the major obligations that educators feel is the need to communicate accurately, clearly, concisely. Moreover, communication involves hearing and understanding what is being said in order that the message becomes a part of one's being.

Our teachers at M.B.A. try diligently to develop listening skills. It is through the process of class discussion and testing that students may respond so that communication is obviously more than a one-way process. Often, listening is far more important than speaking, and listening with accuracy is critical for successful communication.

Communication between our parents and the school is equally important. We urge you to contact teachers or administrators if any of us may assist in the learning process of your sons. We strive diligently to instill the kind of openness that will give you the assurance that your feelings and concerns are being heard and considered.

We strive to do our best, but there are times when the best is not good enough. Several years ago, I came across the following lesson in communication, and I find it not only a bit humorous but certainly very timely. I hope you enjoy it as much as I.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT HALLEY'S COMET

A Headmaster told his Assistant Headmaster the following:

"Next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Halley's Comet will appear over this area. This is an event which occurs only once every 75 years. Contact the Department Chairmen and have them assemble their teachers and classes on the athletic field and explain this phenomenon to them. If it rains, then cancel the day's observation and have the classes meet in the auditorium to see a film about the comet."

Assistant Headmaster to Department Chairmen:

"By order of the Headmaster, next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Halley's Comet will appear over the athletic field. If it rains, then cancel the day's classes and report to the auditorium with your teachers and students where you will show films, a phenomenal event which occurs only once every 75 years."

Department Chairmen to Teachers:

"By order of the phenomenal Headmaster, at 10:30 a.m. next Thursday Halley's Comet will appear in the auditorium. In case of rain over the athletic field, the Headmaster will give another order, something which occurs once every 75 years."

Teachers to Students:

"Next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. the Headmaster will appear in our school auditorium with Halley's Comet, something which occurs every 75 years. If it rains, the Headmaster will cancel the Comet and order us all out to our phenomenal athletic field."

Students to Parents:

"When it rains next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. over the school's athletic field, the phenomenal 75-year-old Headmaster will cancel all classes and appear before the whole school in the auditorium accompanied by Bill Halley and the Comets."

DEBATERS CONTINUE TO TRAVEL AND EXCEL

At the Bronx Science School in New York City, two M.B.A. debaters competed in the largest debate tournament in the East. John Joe and T.A. McKinney compiled a record of 5 wins and 2 losses. The team placed 9th overall among 108 teams representing 25 states.

St. Mark's School in Dallas, Texas, hosted a recent tournament involving three two-man debate teams from M.B.A. Ninety-six teams were in the field. The team of Madison Laird and Paul Kahlon placed 3rd overall, losing on a split decision to Stuyvesant High School of New York. Christopher Ptomey and Rob Page advanced to the elimination round, based on a record of 5 wins and 1 loss, and the third M.B.A. team of Scott Boone and Tom Rogers had a record of 4 wins and 2 losses. Madison Laird received 2nd place individual honors among the 192 debaters in attendance.

Twenty of the top debate teams in the country were invited to the Blue Gray Round-Robin at Mars Hill School in Florence, Alabama, with each team from the South debating each of the Northern teams. M.B.A. was the only school winning all ten preliminary rounds against Northern teams without a loss, thereby edging out second-seeded Westminste: Unfortunately for the Southern team, the Northern teams beat the Southern teams in the elimination rounds. Of the 40 debaters participating, Madison Laird was named the 1st place individual debater at the tournament, with a margin of 6 points. The overall M.B.A. record was 10 wins and 1 loss. M.B.A.'s victories include wins over such schools as Bronx Science (N.Y.), Glenbrook South (IL), Marquette University High School (WIS), Stuyvesant (N.Y.). The M.B.A. debate team captured 1st place overall sweepstakes award at the University of Mississippi competing against 27 southeastern schools. M.B.A. was presented the William Faulkner Classic team trophy for the best performance by a school in debate and in individual speech events. The M.B.A. varsity team of Madison Laird and T.A. McKinney compiled a 6-0 record and went on to an undefeated record of 15-0 after defeating Isadore Newman of New Orleans. The varsity team of Scott Boone and Braxton Perkins had a perfect record in prelims before losing in quarterfinals. In Lincoln-Douglas debate, John Lindell Pfeffer reached the quarterfinals. In individual events, M.B.A. swept to two 1st-place awards with Scott Bennett winning extemporaneous and Jeff Fracè placing 1st in humorous interpretation. Other M.B.A. finalists were Charlie Reasor in extemporaneous speaking and Michael Starr in after-dinner speaking.

At the recent Maplewood Invitational Forensic Tournament, Scott Bennett won 1st place in extemporaneous speaking and Michael Starr was 1st in poetry interpretation and 2nd in prose interpretation. The M.B.A. novice four-man unit placed 3rd with a record of 6 wins and 2 losses. This unit was composed of Jeff Joe, Jay Kahlon, Bert Fulmer, and Christopher Handte.

In another forensic tournament at Mars Hill, with 25 schools competing, M.B.A. captured the 1st place overall sweepstakes trophy for the best performance by a school in both debate and speech events. Leading the way for M.B.A. was Jeff Fracè, who won 1st place in humorous interpretation, with a 1st-place rank by all six judges. Michael Starr took 1st place in poetry interpretation. In debate, the team of Warren Sprouse and Rob Page reached the quarterfinals as did the team of T.A. McKinney and Tom Rogers who compiled a perfect preliminary round record. The other M.B.A. entry was Christopher Ptomey and John Joe who reached octofinals. Four superior debater gavels were presented at the tournament. Two of these were awarded to Warren Sprouse and Rob Page.

SCOTT BENNETT HONORED

Scott Bennett, a senior, was recently elected the permanent presiding officer of the Senate at the Student Congress held at the State Capitol Building.

M.B.A. MOTHERS ARE THANKED

SPAGHETTI SUPPER-1985-WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

M.B.A. students and their mothers have joined in setting another record for money raised and complete cooperation. Every M.B.A. mother participated in the Spaghetti Supper and every boy joined in selling tickets for M.B.A.'s largest (and only) fund-raiser of its type. All of us at M.B.A. express our gratitude to Sherri Chilton, Chairman, July Kneeland, Co-Chairman, and a long list of mothers who were very actively involved in the organization that makes the Spaghetti Supper happen. Watching the disparate pieces neatly fall into place --come together, if you will--for a grand occasion is a miracle that I relive with wonderment each year. To all of our parents, I express our gratitude for your active involvement and to our students we say a heart-felt "thank you" for your great work in selling tickets and raising the money.

Spaghetti Supper Ticket Sales Champions: Bobby Crants, whose academic leadership is unquestioned, has provided challenging sales leadership each year he has been at M.B.A. With the graduation of perennial leader Jay Brothers, Bobby went to work the first day of ticket sales and finally brought in $907. This sets the record for money raised by an individual. Seventh grader Cary Brothers was second with $516, sophomore Jay Riven was third with $444, and Harvard Reynolds, a senior, was fourth with $360.

Bobby Crants won $100 for his efforts and a car in the drawing from among all the sales leaders. Cary won $50, Jay Riven $30, and Harvard Reynolds a Walkman for their endeavors. George Adams won the go-car as the sales leader among the Junior School students. Congratulations go to all classes and students.

M.B.A. LEADS AGAIN IN COMMENDED STUDENTS

Eighteen More M.B.A. seniors have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as Commended Students, based on their test scores on the qualifying examinations. In the last issue of NEWS AND VIEWS, we gave you the names of twenty-two M.B.A. students who are Merit Semifinalists. With these eighteen Commended Students, M.B.A. has by far the largest number of students recognized by the National Merit Corporation in the State of Tennessee and one of the highest percentages of senior class recognition in the United States. The students recently honored as Commended Students for 1985-1986 are: Hunt Adams, Bill Cochran, Rob Elliott, Jeffrey Fracé, Bud Henderson, Jonathan Huddleston, Jim Hunt, Rob Ikard, Madison Laird, Sam Marney, Jay Owen, Charlie Reasor, Vivek Sahota, Chris Sanders, Paul Soper, Daniel Swartz, Niku Wasudev, and David Wood. We congratulate these men.

DR. HAROLD WHITEMAN WELCOMED TO M.B.A.

In early October, M.B.A. welcomed to the staff Dr. Harold B. Whiteman, Jr., as Director of Development and Alumni Affairs. M.B.A.'s commitment to provide excellent leadership in all phases of school life is certainly reflected in the career of Dr. Whiteman.

A native of Nashville, Dr. Whiteman attended M.B.A. in the early '30's. He graduated from Yale University magna cum laude while also being captain of the Yale football team. He received his Master's degree from Vanderbilt and his Ph.D. in International Relations from Yale University. His experience includes sixteen years at Yale as Professor, Dean of Undergraduate Affairs, and Associate Dean of Yale College. He then moved to New York University where he served in various capacities, including a Professorship in History, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Assistant to the President. From 1971 to 1983, Dr. Whiteman was President of Sweet Briar College and Professor of History. From 1983 to 1985, he was President of Berkeley Divinity School of Yale University.

Dr. Whiteman will oversee the work of our Development Office while at the same time he is working closely with various groups of alumni and the school publications. We welcome Dr. Whiteman and his wife Deedie to the M.B.A. community.

GRADING PERIODS ARE ANNOUNCED

The following dates are important in that they are the concluding dates of a six weeks' grading period. Teachers will have the grades in to the office two to three days thereafter. The recording, processing, and mailing of grades will take two to three days. Therefore, you should receive your son's grades approximately a week later. Please call the office if you do not receive them.

End of Grading Period	Approximate Mailing Date
November 20 (6 weeks)	November 28
January 24 (1st Semester)	February 3
March 4 (6 weeks)	March 10
April 17 (6 weeks)	April 24
May 30 (2nd semester)	June 6

SNOW POLICY

We do not want students or parents jeopardizing life or limb to reach school during snowy or icy days, but we do expect every reasonable effort to be made to get to school. If a school day is canceled, or if class times are changed, an announcement will be made on Channel 2, Channel 4, Channel 5, and WSM radio. Otherwise, school will be held and classes will begin at the normal time. If you as a parent do not feel it is safe for your son to attend school because of the weather and your particular driving situation, we do need to receive the excuse from the parent.

NEW STUDENTS

Do you know students who should be considering M.B.A.?

Each year we receive a large number of names for candidates from our parent body. Please talk with those who may be interested in M.B.A. and let us know about them. You provide the best self-selection because you know the kinds of young men you want your son to be with. On November 17, we shall have an Open House in order that prospective students and parents may visit the school in an informal setting. A brief program will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall during which student leaders will tell about M.B.A. and Mr. Drake and I will have our inevitable comments. Testing for prospective new students will be held on Saturday, January 28, 1986. The parents of prospective students should contact the office in order to receive an application and other test day information. If you would like for us to contact someone, please let us know.

YEARBOOK ADS ARE AVAILABLE

The 1985-86 annual business staff is setting out to sell more advertisements than ever before to fund a larger yearbook. As has been done in the past, the staff, under business editor Rob Stack, is giving M.B.A. parents or friends the opportunity to buy some space in the advertisement section of the annual. The selling of such space is the primary means of supporting this important student-run activity.

Some senior parents have already expressed a desire to buy a space in order to preserve a special memory of the '85-'86 school year. Pictures of a specific athletic team or a group of good friends may also be easily included.

The price for a quarter page is $40, a half page $70, and a full page $120. For more information about this opportunity, you may contact The Bell business staff, c/o Business Editor Rob Stack, or our annual advisor, Dr. Harold Crowell, at M.B.A.

REMINDER

Membership dues for the Mothers' Auxiliary are $10.00 per year, and check, payable to MBA Auxiliary, may be sent to Membership Chairman Mrs. Kenneth Roberts,
3800 Woodlawn Drive
Nashville, TN 37215

TREY HARWELL EAGLE SCOUT

Trey Harwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Harwell, has achieved Scouting's highest honor in accomplishing the numerous criteria for the Eagle Scout rank. Trey will be recognized for this accomplishment at the Court of Honor on November 21. This honor comes after a great deal of work and a long-time commitment to Scouting. The Eagle rank comes after a great deal of work and a long-time commitment to Scouting. The Eagle rank connotes diligence, determination, hard work, goal-setting, integrity, and many other qualities that are most important. We are proud of you, Trey.

M.B.A. REACCREDITATION

M.B.A. is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A major study and review was accomplished in 1981, and this year we are undergoing a Five-Year Interim Evaluation. A committee chaired by Mr. Jim Poston has reviewed the school's total program and will present its findings to a Visiting Committee composed of Mrs. Lolly Hand of Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, Connecticut; Mr. Carl Franklin, Westminster School of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Luke Boyd, Battle Ground Academy, Franklin, Tennessee; and Mr. Gene Thorn, Headmaster, Memphis University School, Memphis, Tennessee Chairman.

HEADMASTER ELECTED ERB BOARD CHAIRMAN

Gordon E. Bondurant was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Educational Records Bureau, the high school equivalent of the College Board. ERB membership is made up of over 1,000 of the nation's finest private preparatory schools and a number of quality suburban public schools. The testing programs of ERB are administered nationally to elementary and secondary students.

THREE RECEIVE COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

Three M.B.A. faculty members have been designated "Coach of the Year" in their particular sport. The Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association has recognized Jim Poston in tennis, Mike Caldwell in golf, and Robert Pruitt in cross country, as region "Coaches of the Year." These men, and all M.B.A. coaches, spend a great deal of time in working with their teams. We congratulate them on this significant honor.

FALL SPORTS BEGIN CONCLUDING

We congratulate all students and coaches who participated in the very active fall sport season. Every one of our younger teams were impressive in the way they played, their representation of sportsmanship, and the numbers who were able to get into teams. We are particularly proud of our varsity teams with both the cross country and the golf teams in the state finals after having won their regional tournament. The football team with a 9-1 record will be heading toward a state playoff.

I am proudest of the fact that our boys do well in all sports while participating in the highest classification--that is to say, with schools having student bodies five to eight times as large. Year in and year out, I do not believe there is another school in the state that offers a better overall athletic program and is as successful in doing so. And we do this with no compromise of academic expectations.

ICE HOCKEY AND SWIMMING ADDED

1985-1986 will be remembered as the year ice hockey and swimming were added to the winter sports scene at M.B.A. At the present time, about 15 boys work out regularly at the Nashville Aquatic Club and will represent M.B.A. in swimming tournaments.

Ice hockey is very close to becoming a reality as a large number of students have expressed an interest in this game that involves stamina, skill, and a degree of willingness to be bumped. I am excited about seeing these two sports added to the M.B.A. offerings. In the fall, about 60% of our students are on a team sport and in the spring about 75%, giving an overall yearly average of about 87% of the students who at some point participate. But because of sports and space limitations, only about 20% of the student body are on team sports in the winter. With the addition of swimming and hockey, these numbers should increase considerably.

	BASKETBALL				WRESTLING			SOCCER
DATE	VARSITY	J.V.	FRESHMAN	MICROBE	VARSITY	FRESHMAN	MICROBE	MICROBE
Tues. Nov. 5							Ensworth @ " 3:15	
Wed. Nov. 6								B.G.A. @ " 4:00
Fri. Nov. 8							F.R.A. @ " 3:15	
Tues Nov. 12							Brentwood Acad. @ " 3:45	Northside @ MBA 4:00
Fri. Nov. 15							B.G.A. @ MBA 3:15	
Tues. Nov. 19	Stratford @ MBA 8:00	Stratford @ MBA 6:30					Northside @ MBA 3:15	Ensworth @ MBA 4:00
Thurs. Nov. 21							Ensworth @ MBA 3:15	Page @ " 4:00
Fri. Nov. 22	Glencliff @ " 8:00	Glencliff @ " 6:30	Glencliff @ " 3:30				F.R.A. and Lipscomb 3:15	
Tues. Nov. 26	McGavock @ " 8:00	McGavock @ " 6:30	McGavock @ " 3:30				Brentwood Acad. @ MBA 3:15	B.G.A.@ MBA 4:00
Wed. Nov. 27	Hillsboro @ MBA 8:00	Hillsboro @ MBA 6:30						
Fri. Nov. 29	Baylor @ McCallie							
Sat. Nov. 30	McCallie @ "							
Tues. Dec. 3	B.G.A. @ MBA 8:00	B.G.A. @ MBA 6:30	Hillwood @ MBA 3:30				B.G.A. @ MBA 3:15	Ensworth @ " 4:00
Thurs. Dec. 5					Hillsboro @ " 5:30	Hillsboro @ " 4:00	Northside @ " 3:15	Northside @ " 4:00
Fri Dec. 6	Antioch @ " 8:00	Antioch @ " 6:30	McGavock @ " 3:30					
Sat. Dec. 7	Chattanooga Hixson @ " 8:00						Tournament @ Ensworth	
Tues Dec. 10	Maplewood @ MBA 8:00	Maplewood @ MBA 6:30	Maplewood @ " 3:30	Overbrook Tournament	Hillwood @ " 5:00	Hillwood @ " 3:30		
Wed. Dec. 11				Overbrook Tournament		Apollo @ " 3:00		
Thurs. Dec. 12				Overbrook Tournament				
Fri. Dec.13	Ryan @ MBA 8:00	Ryan @ MBA 6:30	Ryan @ Ryan 5:00			McGavock Tourn. @ "		
Sat. Dec. 14					B.G.A. Tourn. @ "	McGavock Tourn. @ "		
Tues. Dec. 17				St. Henry @ MBA 3:30	Brentwood High @ " 5:30	Brentwood High @ " 4:00		
Thurs. Dec. 19			Hillsboro @ " 3:30					
Fri. Dec. 20	Hillwood @ MBA 8:00	Hillwood @ MBA 6:30	Lipscomb @ MBA 3:30	F.R.A. @ MBA 3:30	Overton Tourn. @ "	Overton Tourn. @ "		
Sat. Dec. 21					Overton Tourn. @ "	Overton Tourn. @ "		
Fri. Jan. 3	MBA Prep School @ MBA - MBA,MUS, BGA,BAYLOR	Tourn.			Brentwood Acad. Notre Dame @ Ryan			
Sat. Jan. 4	MBA Prep School Tourn.							
Tues. Jan. 7	White's Creek @ MBA 8:00	White's Creek @ MBA 6:30	White's Creek @ " 5:00	St. Henry's @ " 4:30	Ryan @ MBA 5:30	Ryan @ MBA 4:00		
Wed. Jan. 8						McCallie & Truitt @ " 3:15 EST		
Fri. Jan. 10	Overton @ " 8:00	Overton @ " 6:30	Overton @ MBA 3:30	Northside @ MBA 3:30	Ryan Tourn. @ "			
Sat. Jan. 11					Ryan Tour. @ "			
Tues. Jan. 14	East @ MBA 8:00	East @ MBA 6:30	East @ East 3:30		Overton Ft. Campbell @ MBA 4:00	Overton @ MBA 4:00		
Wed. Jan. 15						McGavock @ MBA 3:00		
Fri. Jan. 17	Glencliff @ MBA 8:00	Glencliff @ @ MBA 6:30	Glencliff @ " 3:30	Ensworth @ " 4:45	Dickson County @ " 4:00			
Sat. Jan. 18					Franklin @ MBA 7:00 p.m.	District Tourn. @ MBA		
Fri. Jan. 24	Hillsboro @ " 8:00	Hillsboro @ " 6:30	Hillsboro @ MBA 3:30	Brentwood Acad. @ " 4:45	Chattanooga Hixson @ Chatt. 6:00 EST			
Sat. Jan. 25					Tyner F.Ridge@ " 10:00 am EST Baylor @ Baylor 3:00 EST	Regional @ McGavock		
Tues. Jan. 28	Lipscomb @ " 8:00	Lipscomb @ " 6:30		Ensworth @ MBA 3:30	Lipscomb @ MBA 4:00			

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	VARSITY	J.V.	FRESHMAN	MICROBE	VARSITY	FRESHMAN	MICROBE	MICROBE
Wed. Jan. 29			Ryan @ MBA 4:00					
Fri. Jan. 31	Antioch @ MBA 8:00	Antioch @ MBA 6:30	Pearl-Cohn @ " 3:15		District Tourn. @ Hillsboro 1/31-2/1			
Tues. Feb. 4				F.R.A. @ MBA 4:45				
Fri. Feb. 7	Ryan @ Ryan 8:00	Ryan @ Ryan			Regional Tournament @ @ McGavock			
Sat. Feb. 8					Regional Tournament @ McGavock			
Mon. Feb. 10				H.V.A.C. Tournament @ F.R.A.				
Tues. Feb. 11	Pearl-Cohn @ MBA	Pearl-Cohn @ MBA 6:30		H.V.A.C. Tournament @ F.R.A.				
Wed. Feb. 12				H.V.A.C. Tournament @ F.R.A.				
Thurs. Feb. 13				H.V.A.C. Tournament @ F.R.A.				
Fri. Feb. 14	Hillwood @ " 8:00	Hillwood @ " 6:30		H.V.A.C. Tournament @ F.R.A.	State Tournament @ U.T. Chattanooga			
Sat. Feb. 15				H.V.A.C. Tournament @ F.R.A.	State Tournament @ U.T.Chattanooga			
Tues. Feb. 18	Pearl-Cohn @ MBA 8:00	Pearl-Cohn @ MBA 6:30						
Fri. Feb. 21	Overton @ MBA 8:00	Overton @ MBA 6:30						
Sat.-Thurs Feb.24-27	11-AAA District Tournament							

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